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Nineteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24), in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1.

2. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the statement, under operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendations made by the Working Group on the Future Operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and would request the Secretary-General to implement the measures recommended by the Working Group, contained in paragraph 57 of its report (A/57/330). These are also enumerated in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's statement (A/C.5/57/24).

3. The Advisory Committee notes that section II (paras. 3-5) of the Secretary-General's statement contains the background elements regarding the financial situation of the Institute in the recent past along with a summary of the decisions of the General Assembly in this regard. These include the one-time subvention of $800,000 for 2001 granted by the General Assembly in its decision 55/457 of 23 December 2000, pending receipt of voluntary contributions, in view of the difficult financial situation the Institute was undergoing at the time; the provision in December 2001 of an amount of $650,000, retained in the programme budget for 2000-2001 out of the original $800,000, in order to ensure the continuation of the operations of the Institute in 2002; and the decision by the General Assembly, in its

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resolution 56/125 of 19 December 2001, to establish the Working Group on the Future Operations of the Institute.

4. Section III of the statement reports on the current financial situation of the Institute and indicates that while voluntary contributions amounted to $312,396 in 2001, only $93,707 had been received as of 18 November 2002.

5. In paragraph 8 of his statement, the Secretary-General indicates that taking into account the provisions of paragraph 57 of the report of the Working Group, as endorsed in paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, the total resources required would amount to $1,809,500 annually ($3,619,000 on a biennial basis). The annual amount would include the annual provision of $500,000 from the regular budget to finance the core activities of the Institute or the four current Professional posts (1 D-2, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 P-2/1) (see paras. 6 and 8 of the statement). The remaining amount of $1,309,500, to be provided from unidentified voluntary contributions, would cover the costs associated with the post of the new Deputy Director, the four current General Service posts and other supporting operating expenses enumerated in paragraph 8 of the statement.

6. **Under the circumstances, should the General Assembly decide to adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16, additional requirements of $500,000 would be required for the biennium 2002-2003 under section 9, Economic and Social Affairs. The provision, representing a potential charge against the contingency fund, would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement to be presented to the Fifth Committee at the end of the current session.**

7. **In order to ensure the viability of the Institute, the Advisory Committee trusts that the $1,309,500 in additional contributions would be realized. The Advisory Committee notes that under operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16, the General Assembly would request the Working Group to submit a preliminary report on the follow-up to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 2 of the draft resolution to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-seventh session and a final report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.**